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### **Dallas Cowboys Select General Contractor for New Stadium** **Strategic Alliance Brings Manhattan Construction together with local minority owned firms Rayco Construction and 3i Construction**

The Dallas Cowboys announced today that Manhattan Construction Co., in a strategic alliance with local minority owned firms Rayco Construction and 3i Construction, has been selected as the general construction management team of the new Dallas Cowboys Stadium, to be built in Arlington in time for the 2009 NFL season.

This alliance, led by Manhattan Construction, brings together management from each of the three companies to direct the on-site construction of the Dallas Cowboys Stadium. This group will direct the construction of a retractable-roof stadium designed by architect, HKS, with a capacity of up to 100,000 persons and featuring open end zones linked to fan decks and the latest in artificial turf systems. Restaurants, shops, and gathering places within the stadium venue will extend fan experiences to day-long events. In addition, the Cowboys Experience and Hall of Fame - an interactive, multi-faceted venue for community activities, fan experiences, and tourism - will be part of the entertainment complex.

"As a consultant, Manhattan has been a part of our organization as we progressed through the development of this stadium project," said Dallas Cowboys Owner and General Manager Jerry Jones. "The experience they have in this type of construction is invaluable, having worked right here in Texas on Reliant Stadium in Houston and Ameriquest Field in Arlington. The addition of outstanding local firms Rayco Construction and 3i Construction to our management team for this project demonstrates our commitment to incorporating minority firms in every step of this project."

With 110-years of experience in the industry, Manhattan Construction Co. is nationally known for their successful and award winning management of large and complex projects. Rayco Construction, Inc. is a general construction company with 25 years of experience. They have major contracts with Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the federal General Services Administration (GSA). 3i Construction, Inc. is a general construction company that has been in business for six years and has major contracts with Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, the Dallas Independent School District, and the University of North Texas.

"It is an absolute honor for our firm to have been selected for this extraordinary project and become a part of the Dallas Cowboys legacy," said Manhattan's Dallas Division President, John Dixon. "We look forward to teaming up with Rayco Construction and 3i Construction as we join forces to direct this project for the Dallas Cowboys. With Manhattan, Rayco and 3i it is our commitment to meet or exceed the goals of the Fair Share agreement the Cowboys have pledged to Arlington."

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Manhattan Construction Co. brings vast stadium construction experience to the project team. The company recently provided construction services on the Reliant Stadium project in Houston which included the first ever retractable-roof on an NFL stadium. Closer to home, Manhattan is also responsible for the national award winning construction of Amerquest Field, the Texas Rangers Ballpark in Arlington.

"This is an outstanding opportunity for our company to become a key part of the management in building what will be the greatest sports venue in the world," said Rayco Construction President Ray Gomez. "Having been actively involved in the Arlington community for many years, I also understand the significance of this project to the local community and feel it is our duty to see that the Dallas Cowboys and Arlington Texas have a stadium they can be proud of for generations."

Rayco Construction was founded in 1980 by Ray Gomez. The firm has participated in numerous major construction projects across the southwest for companies ranging from Southwestern Bell, Dallas Ft. Worth Airport as well as federal, state and local government agencies. Mr. Gomez, President of Rayco Construction, is an active board member of the Arlington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.

"It is an honor and a privilege to join forces with Manhattan Construction and Rayco Construction on a project of this magnitude," said 3i Construction president Mike Williams. "Our company prides itself on our "teamwork" approach to all of our projects and an assignment like this gives us a one-of-a-kind chance to be a part of a state-of-the art home for the Dallas Cowboys."

3i Construction was the first African-American construction management firm to construct a \$10.8 million contract from the ground up for the Dallas Independent School District. They are also working with JE Dunn on over \$53 million in ongoing work with the DISD, equaling 39% of the M/WBE participation. A Dallas native, Mike Williams, President of 3i Construction is an active member of the Arlington African American Chamber of Commerce and the Black Contractors Association.

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